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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 18 by rewriting same as follows:

1. (Three times amended) In apparatus for providing a portable spoken language interface for a user to a device in communication with the apparatus, the device having at least one application associated therewith, the spoken language interface apparatus comprising: (A) an audio input system for receiving speech data provided by the user; (B) an audio output system for outputting speech data to the user; (C) a speech recognition engine for generating an output in response to spoken utterances; (D) a speech synthesizing engine for generating a synthesized speech output in response to text data; (E) a dialog manager operatively coupled to the device, the audio input system, the audio output system, the speech recognition engine and the speech synthesizing engine; and (F) at least one

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